

# National Mall & Memorial Parks – 2006 Bike Tours

National Park Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
National Mall & Memorial Parks  
Washington, D.C.



Join National Park Service Rangers every Saturday and Sunday from 1:00–4:00pm for FREE guided bike tours of the Nation's Capital.

Tours start from the Jefferson Memorial Plaza  
(at the base of the Memorial steps.)

## 2006 Bike Tour Season

Every Saturday/Sunday  
from Saturday, March 25 –  
Sunday, November 26

### Tour Topics

- Off the Beaten Path – Discover Lonely Landmarks
- History of the Mall – Cycle through the Stories
- People of DC – Famous Names, Amazing Stories
- DC's Wild Side – Explore Nature on the National Mall

### NEW for 2006

• On this Date in History  
Special One-of-a-Kind topics  
that can only be experienced on  
these historic anniversaries!

For a full schedule visit our website  
[www.nps.gov/nama](http://www.nps.gov/nama) - click on "Plan Your Visit".

Contact Bike Program Coordinator –  
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**All Riders MUST BRING Their  
Own Helmet, Bike, and Water**

## **DC's Wild Side – Explore Nature on the National Mall**

So you think fossils are on display only in museums? Did you know there are Cherry Trees older than much of the city? There is more to the National Mall than just monuments, memorials, and museums. Washington, DC is home to many species of plant and animal life that help make the city beautiful. Washington is home to the world famous Cherry Trees found around the Tidal Basin while majestic elm trees line the entire length of the National Mall. Small fossils and even “fools gold” can be found in some of the stone that make up the memorials; if you know where to look! Let a Park Ranger show you the “Wild Side” of the National Mall.

## **History of the Mall – Cycle through the Stories**

The history of the National Mall is as diverse and fascinating as the history of our nation itself. How has this span of green space in the heart of the Nation's Capital altered over time? How has this area been influenced by great cultural, historical, and social events through time? See and hear how The National Mall has changed over time into what you experience today.

## **Off the Beaten Path – Discover Lonely Landmarks**

You may have seen them on a map, driven past them hundreds of times, or even walked up to one of them out of curiosity. What are they, who are they, and more importantly, why are they here? This is the story of Washington DC's lonely landmarks. These statues, urns, and symbolic gestures of friendship and remembrance can be found all over DC. Find out the stories of these lonely landmarks from our Rangers.

## **People of Washington – Famous Names, Amazing Stories**

Get to know the people behind the city. See and hear how the influential personalities of Washington, DC have affected the city and how it has changed over time. Presidents, First Ladies, authors, famous and infamous characters alike have help shape the history of Washington, DC. These are their stories.

## **On this Date in History**

What do Presidential assassinations, Civil War battles, the sinking of the Titanic, the Burning of Washington, and the birthdays of engineers, inventors and landscape architects all have in common? They are at the heart of our newest Bike Tour topic – On this Date in History! These one-of-a-kind tours interpret the history of our more celebrated holidays and lesser known anniversaries as well. Come learn more about these extraordinary dates in history with National Park Service Rangers.

## **2006 Spring Bike Tour Schedule**

### **March**

Saturday 25 – Cherry Blossom Festival

Sunday 26 – Off the Beaten Path

### **April**

Saturday 1 – Cherry Blossom Festival

Sunday 2 – History of the Mall

Saturday 8 – Cherry Blossom Festival

Sunday 9 – People of DC

Saturday 15 – On this Date in History – Death of Abraham Lincoln

Sunday 16 – On this Date in History – The Sinking of the Titanic

Saturday 22 – DC's Wild side – Earth Day

Sunday 23 – Off the Beaten Path

Saturday 29 – History of the Mall

Sunday 30 – On this Date in History – Washington: Gateway to the West

## **May**

Saturday 6 --Off the Beaten Path

Sunday 7 --On This Date in History – *Lusitanian sinks & the Road to WWI*

Saturday 13 --History of the Mall

Sunday 14 --People of DC -*Lewis and Clark Expedition begins*

Saturday 20 --DC's Wild Side

Sunday 21 --Literature Tour

Saturday 27 --On This Date in History -*The Grand Review*

Sunday 28 --On This Date in History -*The History of Memorial Day*

## **June**

Saturday 3 --History of the Mall

Sunday 4 --On This Date in History - "*We're in it now*" - *Washington during WWII*

Saturday 10 --Off the Beaten Path

Sunday 11 --People of DC

Saturday 17 --History of the Mall

Sunday 18 --On This Date in History -*The Siege of Petersburg & the Downfall of a Union Hero*

Saturday 24 --DC's Wild Side

Sunday 25 --On This Date in History -*Dwight D. Eisenhower - Soldier and Statesman*

## **July**

Saturday 1 --On This Date in History – “*The Most Profound Lesson of My Life*” - Walt Whitman's Washington

Sunday 2 --On This Date in History - President Garfield Assassination and the Battle of Gettysburg

Saturday 8 --Off the Beaten Path

Sunday 9 --On This Date in History – “*Who would have thought...*” George Washington and Britain's greatest military defeat – July 9, 1755

Saturday 15 --People of DC - Women of Washington

Sunday 16 --History of the Mall

Saturday 22 --DC's Wild Side

Sunday 23 --Off the Beaten Path

Saturday 29 --On This Date in History – The Bonus March of 1932

Sunday 30 --On This Date in History – Captain John Ericsson and the Civil War at Sea

## **August**

Saturday 5 -- People of DC -*The Art and Architecture of James Earl Fraser*

Sunday 6 -- Off the Beaten Path

Saturday 12 -- History of the Mall

Sunday 13 --People of DC

Saturday 19 -- DC's Wild Side -*Washington, DC and the History of the Potomac River*

Sunday 20 -- Off the Beaten Path

Saturday 26 -- On This Date in History – *The Burning of Washington - Driving Tour* (see website for more information – coming soon)

Sunday 27 -- On This Date in History – *The Burning of Washington - Bike Tour* (see website for more information – coming soon)

## **September**

Saturday 2 -- Off the Beaten Path

Sunday 3 -- History of the Mall - *World War II Washington*

Saturday 9 -- DC's Wild Side - *The Canals of Washington, DC*

Sunday 10 -- People of DC - “*It is over. The President is no more.*” *The Assassination of President William McKinley and the Emergence of Teddy Roosevelt*

Saturday 16 -- History of the Mall - *Pop Culture on the Mall*

Sunday 17 -- People of DC - “*Great in life, he was...great in death.*” *The Presidency and assassination of James A. Garfield*

Saturday 23 -- On This Date in History – *John Paul Jones*

Sunday 24 -- Literature Tour

Saturday 30 -- Off the Beaten Path

## **October**

Sunday 1 -- History of the Mall

Saturday 7 -- DC's Wild Side

Sunday 8 -- People of DC - From Infection to Election: Presidential Diseases and Illnesses

Saturday 14 -- Off the Beaten Path

Sunday 15 -- History of the Mall

Saturday 21 -- DC's Wild Side - Washington, DC and the History of the Potomac River

Sunday 22 -- On This Date in History - Battle of Balls Bluff

Saturday 28 -- People of DC - Andrew Jackson Downing

Sunday 29-- Off the Beaten Path